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"AMINO ACID 1,2-DIKETO DERIVATIVES AS RENIN
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hereby declare the invention for which I / we pray that a patent may be granted to ~~me~~/us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement: -

AMINO ACID 1,2-DIKETO DERIVATIVES
AS RENIN INHIBITORS

5 The present invention relates to amino acid
derivatives and more particularly concerns
1,2-diketo derivatives useful, for example, as
renin inhibitors.

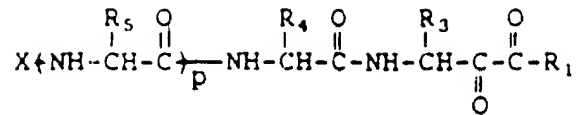
10 In accordance with the present invention new
diketone derivatives useful as renin inhibitors
are disclosed. These compounds have the formula

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wherein X is $\text{R}_6 - (\text{CH}_2)_m -$, $\text{R}_6 - (\text{CH}_2)_m - \text{C}(=\text{O}) - \text{N} - \text{CH} - \text{C}(=\text{O}) -$,

$\text{R}_6 - (\text{CH}_2)_m - \text{C}(=\text{O}) - \text{NH} - \underset{\text{O}}{\overset{\text{R}_{10}}{\text{CH}}} - \underset{\text{O}}{\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}} -$, $\text{R}_6 - (\text{CH}_2)_m - \text{O} - \text{C}(=\text{O}) -$,

10 $\text{R}_6 - \text{O} - (\text{CH}_2)_n - \text{C}(=\text{O}) -$, $\text{R}_6 - (\text{CH}_2)_m - \text{NH} - \text{C}(=\text{O}) -$, $\text{N} - \text{C}(=\text{O}) -$,

$\text{R}_6 - (\text{CH}_2)_m - \text{SO}_2 -$ or $\text{R}_6 - (\text{CH}_2)_m - \underset{\text{O}}{\overset{\text{O}}{\text{CH}}} - \text{C}(=\text{O}) -$;
 $(\text{CH}_2)_m$,
 R_6'

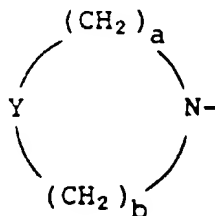
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R_1 is hydrogen, alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or a fully saturated, partially saturated, or unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring of 5 or 6 atoms. The heterocyclic ring is attached to $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$ by way of an available carbon atom.

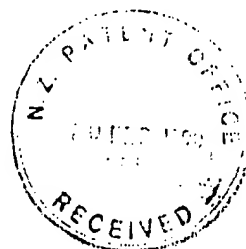
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$\text{N} -$ represents a heterocyclic ring of the

25 formula



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wherein Y is $-\text{CH}_2$, O, S, or $\text{N}-\text{R}_9$, a is an integer from 1 to 4, and b is an integer from 1 to 4 provided that the sum of a plus b is an integer from 2 to 5;

- 5 R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_{10} are independently selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl, halo substituted lower alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-aryl}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-heterocyclo}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-OH}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-O-lower}$ alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-NH}_2$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-SH}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-S-lower}$ alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-O}-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{-OH}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-O}-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{-NH}_2$,
 10 $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-S}-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{-OH}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-C(=O)-OH}$,
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-S}-(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{-NH}_2$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-NH-C(=NH)-NH}_2$,
 15 $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-C(=O)-NH}_2$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-N(R}_7\text{)-}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-N(R}_8\text{)-}$


- 20 and $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-cycloalkyl}$;
 R_6 and R_6' are independently selected from lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl and heterocyclo;
 p is zero or one;
 q is zero or one;
 25 m and m' are independently selected from zero and an integer from 1 to 5;



n is an integer from 1 to 5;


g is an integer from 2 to 5;

R₇ is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-$  or $-\text{CH}_2-$  ;

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R₈ is 2,4-dinitrophenyl, $-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-$  ,

10 $-\text{SO}_2-$  $-\text{CH}_3$, or $-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-$  ;

R₉ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$  ,

or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -cycloalkyl.

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This invention in its broadest aspects relates to the compounds of formula I above, to compositions and the method of using such compounds as antihypertensive agents.

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The term lower alkyl used in defining various symbols refers to straight or branched chain radicals having up to seven carbons. Similarly, the terms lower alkoxy and lower alkylthio refer to such lower alkyl groups attached to an oxygen or sulfur. The preferred lower alkyl groups are straight or branched chain of 1 to 5 carbons.

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The term cycloalkyl refers to saturated rings of 4 to 7 carbon atoms with cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl being most preferred.

5 The term halogen refers to chloro, bromo and fluoro.

10 The term halo substituted lower alkyl refers to such lower alkyl groups described above in which one or more hydrogens have been replaced by chloro, bromo or fluoro groups such as trifluoroethyl, which is preferred, pentafluoroethyl, 2,2,2-trichloroethyl, chloromethyl, bromomethyl, etc.

15 The term aryl refers to phenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, mono substituted phenyl, 1-naphthyl, or 2-naphthyl wherein said substituent is lower alkyl of 1 to 4 carbons, lower alkythio of 1 to 4 carbons, lower alkoxy of 1 to 4 carbons, halogen, hydroxy, amino, -NH-alkyl wherein alkyl is of 1 to 4 carbons, or -N(alkyl)₂ wherein alkyl is of 1 to 20 4 carbons, di- or tri substituted phenyl, 1-naphthyl or 2-naphthyl wherein said substituents are selected from methyl, methoxy, methylthio, halogen, and hydroxy.

25 The term heterocyclo refers to fully saturated or unsaturated rings of 5 or 6 atoms containing one or two O and S atoms and/or one to four N atoms provided that the total number of hetero atoms in the ring is 4 or less. The hetero ring is attached by way of an available carbon

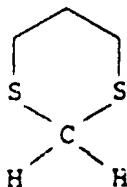
atom. Preferred hetero groups include 2- and 3-thienyl, 2- and 3-furyl, 2-, 3- and 4-pyridyl. The term hetero also includes bicyclic rings wherein the five or six membered ring containing
 5 O, S and N atoms as defined above is fused to a benzene ring. The preferred bicyclic ring is benzimidazolyl.

The compounds of formula I wherein X is

10 $R_6-(CH_2)_m-O-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$ can be prepared by treating a compound of the formula

II

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with n-butyl lithium and thereafter reacting same with the starting material of the formula

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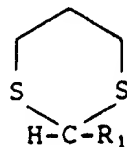
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R_1 -Halogen

to provide a compound having the formula

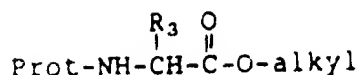
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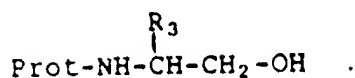
30 An N-protected amino acid ester of the formula

V



(wherein Prot is an amino protecting group such as
5 t-butoxycarbonyl) is treated with lithium
borohydride to give the alcohol of the formula

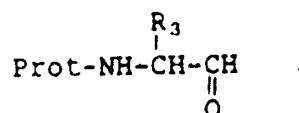
VI



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Treatment of the alcohol of formula VI with
pyridine-sulfur trioxide complex or with
periodinane reagent [see Dess et al., J. Org. Chem.,
Vol. 48, p. 5155-5156 (1983)] produces an aldehyde
15 of the formula

VII

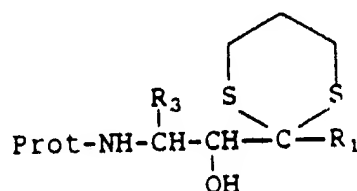


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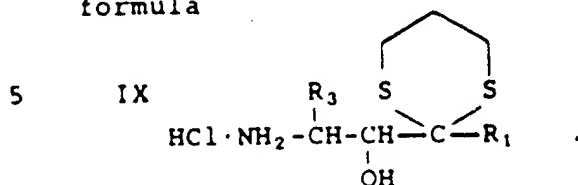
The aldehyde of formula VII is thereafter reacted
with the compound of formula IV in the presence of
n-butyl lithium to provide a compound of the
formula

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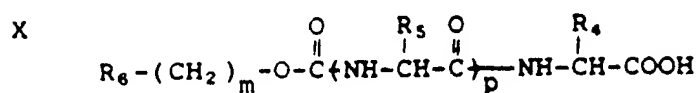
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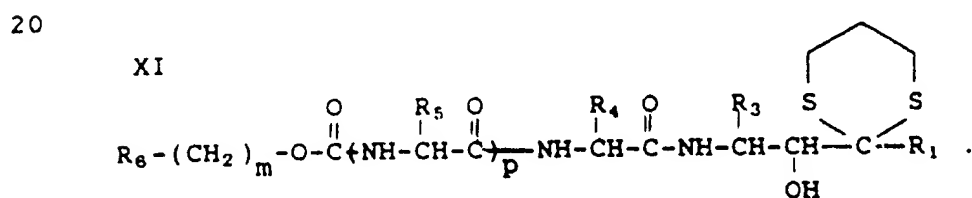
which can be deprotected such as by treatment with hydrochloric acid to provide the alcohol of the formula



10 The alcohol of formula IX is thereafter coupled with a peptide of the formula



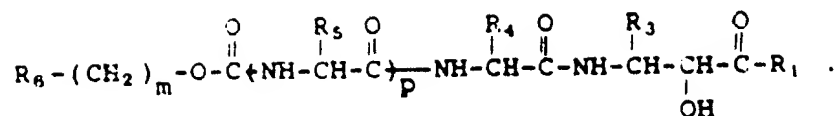
15 preferably in a solvent such as tetrahydrofuran or dimethylformamide and in the presence of hydroxybenzotriazole, a base such as N-methylmorpholine or diisopropylethyl amine, and a coupling agent such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide to provide



25 Compound XI is treated with an oxidizing agent, such as ammonium ceric nitrate or thallic nitrate to provide the hydroxy keto compound of the formula

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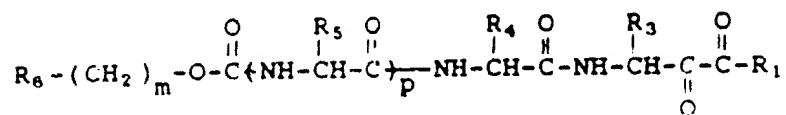
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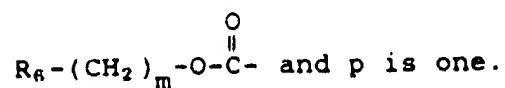
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Treatment of the compound of formula XII with, for example, the periodinane reagent (cited above in the formation of compound VII) provides

10 XIII



15 that is, compounds of formula I wherein X is

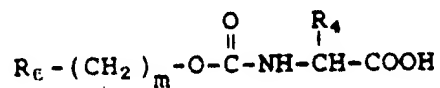


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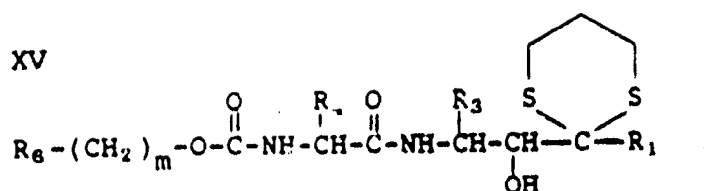
20 wherein X is $R_6-(CH_2)_m-O-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$ and p is zero, the amino alcohol of formula IX can be reacted with the amino acid of the formula

XIV

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to yield the compounds of the formula

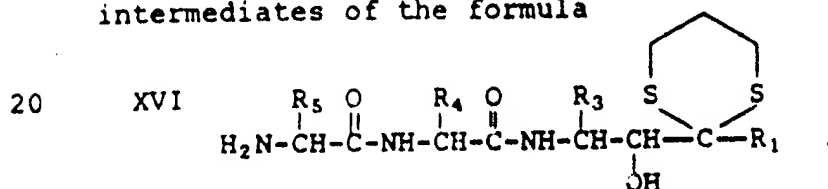


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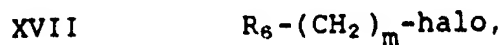
Compound XV is thereafter treated as compounds XI and XII above to provide the diketone derivatives wherein p is zero.

10 The compound of formula I wherein X is other than $R_6-(CH_2)_m-O-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$ can be prepared by using

15 compounds of formula XI wherein $R_6-(CH_2)_m-O-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$ is either t-butoxycarbonyl or benzyloxycarbonyl as the starting material. Removal of the t-butoxycarbonyl or benzyloxycarbonyl by standard amine deprotecting means provides the intermediates of the formula

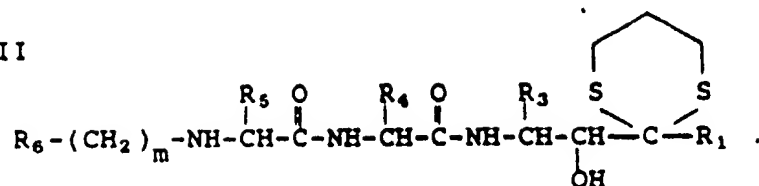


25 The amine of formula XVI is treated with the halide of the formula



30 particularly where halo is bromine, to provide the product

XVIII

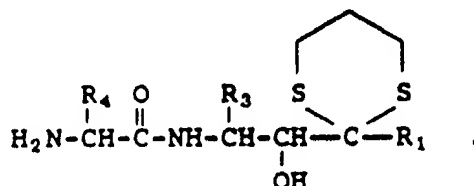


- 5 Compound XVIII is thereafter treated as compounds XI and XII above to provide the diketone derivative of formula I wherein p is one and X is $R_6-(CH_2)_m-$.

Similarly, by starting with compound XV

- 10 where $R_6-(CH_2)_m-O-\overset{\overset{O}{||}}{C}-$ is either t-butoxycarbonyl or benzyloxycarbonyl, and carrying out standard amine deprotection, intermediates XIX can be obtained,

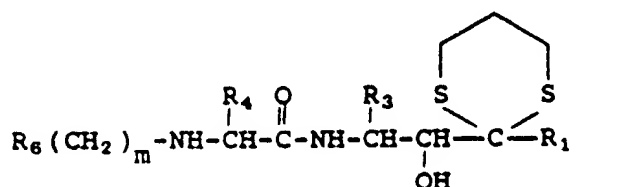
15 XIX



- 20 The amine of formula XIX can thereafter be reacted with the halide of formula XVII to provide a compound of the formula

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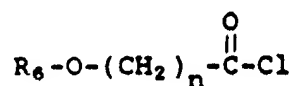


- 30 Compound XX is thereafter treated as compounds XI and XII above to provide the products of formula I wherein X is $R_6-(CH_2)_m-$ and p is zero.

The compounds of formula I wherein X is

$R_6-O-(CH_2)_n-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$ can be prepared by treating the
 amine of formula XVI or XIX with the acid
 5 chloride of the formula

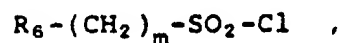
XXI



10 in the presence of a base such as triethylamine,
 followed by treatment as with compounds XI and XII
 above.

The compounds of formula I wherein X is
 $R_6-(CH_2)_m-SO_2-$ can be prepared by treating the
 15 amine of formula XVI or XIX with the substituted
 sulfonyl chloride of the formula

XXII

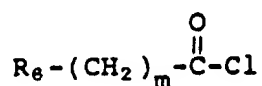


20 followed by treatment as with compounds XI and XII
 above.

The compounds of formula I wherein X is

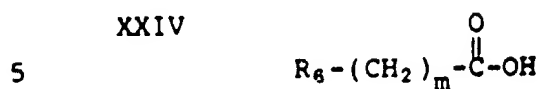
$R_6-(CH_2)_m-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$ can be prepared by treating the amine
 25 of formula XVI or XIX with the acid chloride of
 the formula

XXIII



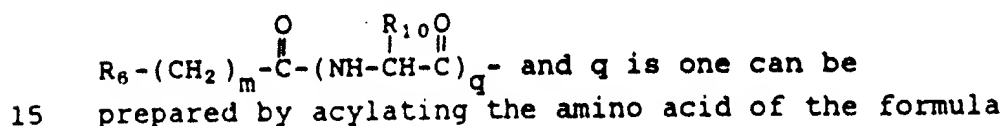
30 in the presence of triethylamine, followed by
 treatment as with XI and XII. Alternatively,

these compounds can be prepared by coupling the carboxylic acid of the formula

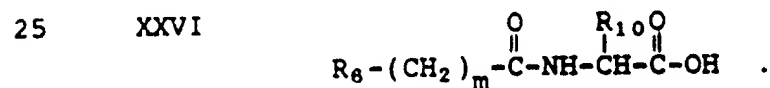


to the amine of formula XVI or XIX in the presence of a coupling agent, such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate, followed by treatment as with compounds XI and XII.

The compounds of formula I wherein X is



20 with the acid chloride of formula XXIII in the presence of a base, such as sodium hydroxide, and in a solvent, such as tetrahydrofuran, and water to give the acylated amino acid of the formula

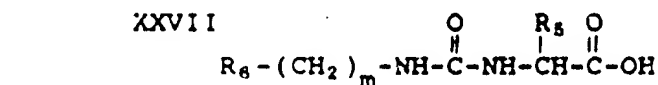


30 The amino acid of formula XXVI is then coupled to the amine of formula XVI or XIX in the presence of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate followed by

treatment as with compounds XI and XII to give the desired compounds of formula I.

The compounds of formula I wherein X is

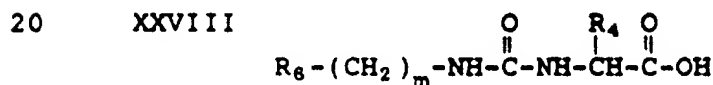
- 5 $R_6-(CH_2)_m-NH-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$ and p is one can be prepared by coupling an amino acid of the formula



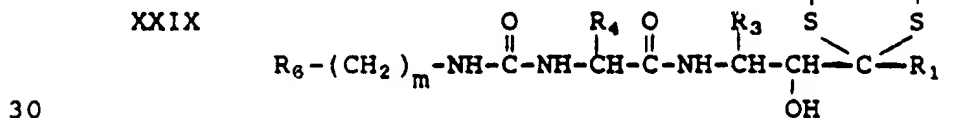
to the amine of formula XIX in the presence of a coupling agent, such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate, followed by treatment as with compounds XI and XII.

- 15 Similarly, the compounds of formula I

wherein X is $R_6-(CH_2)_m-NH-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$ and p is zero can be prepared by coupling an amino acid of the formula



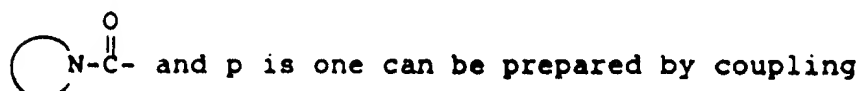
to an amino alcohol of formula IX in the presence of a coupling agent, such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate to provide a compound of the formula



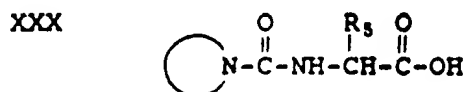
Compound XXIX can thereafter be treated as compounds XI and XII above to provide the diketo

compound of formula I wherein X is $R_6-(CH_2)_m-NH-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$ and p is zero.

The compounds of formula I wherein X is



an amino acid of the formula



to the amine of formula XIX in the presence of a coupling agent and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate, followed by treatment as with compounds XI and XII. Similarly the compound of formula I

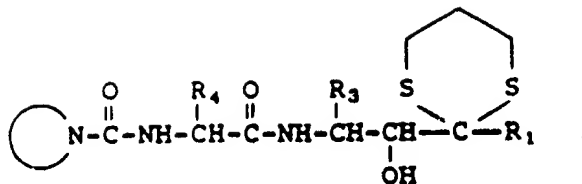
wherein X is $\text{N}-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$ and p is zero can be

prepared by coupling an amino acid of the formula



to the amino alcohol of formula IX in the presence of the above-described coupling agent and hydrate to provide a compound of the formula

XXXII



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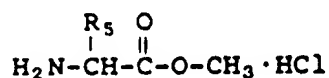
Compound XXXII is thereafter treated as compounds XI and XII above to provide the diketone compounds

10 of formula I wherein X is $\text{N}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$ and p is zero.

The amino acid intermediates of formulas XXVII, XXVIII and XXXI can be prepared by

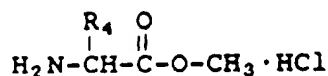
15 treating an amine $\text{R}_6-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{NH}_2$ or NH with phosgene and N-methylmorpholine followed by reaction with an amino acid methyl ester hydrochloride salt of the formula

20 XXXIII



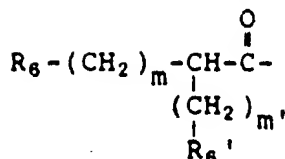
or of the formula

25 XXXIV



30 in the presence of N-methylmorpholine. Removal of the methyl ester group by treatment with aqueous sodium hydroxide gives the desired intermediate.

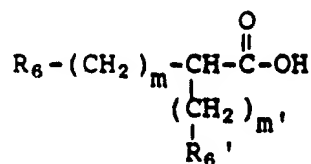
The products of formula I wherein X is



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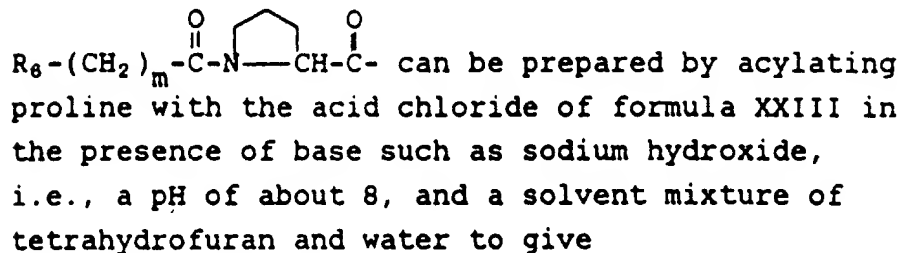
can be prepared by coupling the carboxylic acid of the formula

10 XXXV

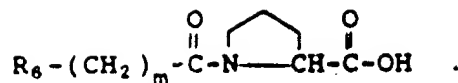


15 to the amine of formula XVI or XIX in the presence of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate, followed by treatment as with compounds XI and XII. Alternatively, the acid of formula XXXV can be
20 converted to the acid chloride and this acid chloride can then be coupled to the amine of formula XVI or XIX in the presence of triethylamine and tetrahydrofuran and followed by treatment as with compounds XI and XII.

25 The compounds of formula I wherein X is



XXXVI



5 The acylated amino acid of formula XXXVI is then coupled to the amine of formula XVI or XIX in the presence of a coupling agent such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate, followed by treatment as with XI and XII.

10 In the above reactions, if any of R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_{10} are $-(CH_2)_n$ -aryl wherein aryl is phenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl substituted with one or more hydroxy or amino groups, $-(CH_2)_n$ -heterocyclo wherein heterocyclo is an imidazolyl, $-(CH_2)_n$ -NH₂,

15 $-(CH_2)_n$ -SH, $-(CH_2)_n$ -OH, $-(CH_2)_n$ -NH-C $\begin{array}{c} \text{NH} \\ \parallel \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{array}$ or

$-(CH_2)_n$ -C $\begin{array}{c} O \\ \parallel \end{array}$ -OH, then the hydroxyl, amino, imidazolyl, mercaptan, carboxyl, or guanidinyll function should
20 be protected during the reaction. Suitable protecting groups include benzyloxycarbonyl, t-butoxycarbonyl, benzyl, benzhydryl, trityl, tosyl, etc., and nitro in the case of guanidinyll.
25 The protecting group is removed by hydrogenation, treatment with acid, or by other known means following completion of the reaction.

The various peptide intermediates employed in above procedures are known in the literature or
30 can be readily prepared by known methods. See for example, the Peptides, Volume 1, "Major Methods of Peptide Bond Formation", Academic Press (1979).

Preferred compounds of this invention are those of formula I wherein


X is $R_6-(CH_2)_m-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$ or $R_6-(CH_2)_m-O-\overset{\overset{O}{\parallel}}{C}-$,

5 R_6 is selected from straight or branched chain lower alkyl of up to 5 carbons, cycloalkyl of 4 to 6 carbons, phenyl, 1-naphthyl, and 2-naphthyl;

m is selected from zero, one and two;




10 R_1 is alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl;

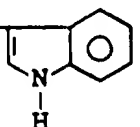


R_3 is straight or branched chain lower alkyl of 3 to 5 carbons, $-(CH_2)_n$ -cyclopentyl,

15 $-(CH_2)_n$ -cyclohexyl, or $-(CH_2)_n$ -, wherein n




is an integer from 1 to 3;

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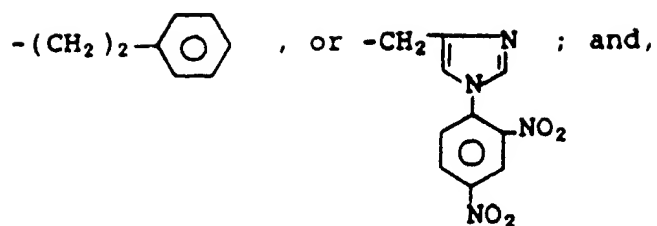
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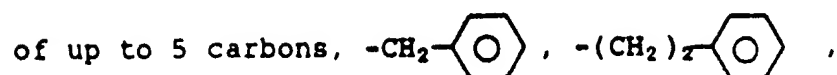
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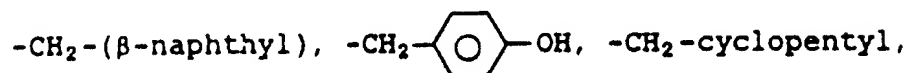
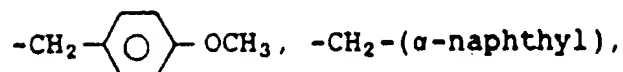


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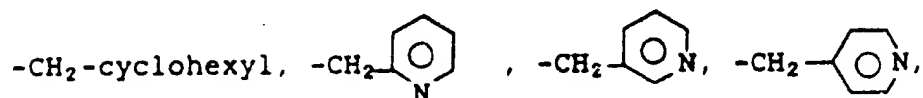
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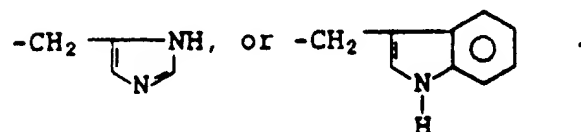
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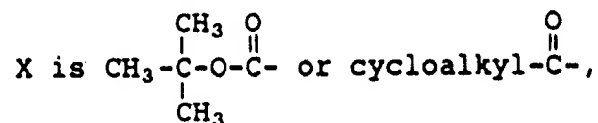


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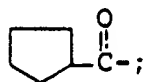


Most preferred are those compounds of
formula I wherein

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R_1 is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH} \begin{matrix} \text{CH}_3 \\ \text{CH}_3 \end{matrix}$, $-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, or

5 $-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$;

R_3 is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}$ or $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH} \begin{matrix} \text{CH}_3 \\ \text{CH}_3 \end{matrix}$;

10 R_4 is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH} \begin{matrix} \text{CH}_3 \\ \text{CH}_3 \end{matrix}$ or $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH} \begin{matrix} \text{NH} \\ \text{N} \end{matrix}$; and,

R_5 is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$.

15 The compounds of formula I form salts with a variety of inorganic and organic acids. The nontoxic pharmaceutically acceptable salts are preferred, although other salts are also useful in isolating or purifying the product. Such
20 pharmaceutically acceptable salts include those formed with hydrochloric acid, methanesulfonic acid, sulfuric acid, acetic acid, maleic acid, etc. The salts are obtained by reacting the product with an equivalent amount of the acid in a medium in
25 which the salt precipitates.

The compounds of formula I contain asymmetric centers when any or all of R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_{10} are other than hydrogen and at the carbon to which the $-\text{OH}$ group is attached. Thus, the compounds of
30 formula I can exist in diastereoisomeric forms or in mixtures thereof. The above-described processes

can utilize racemates, enantiomers or diastereomers as starting materials. When diastereomeric products are prepared, they can be separated by conventional chromatographic or
5 fractional crystallization methods.

The compounds of formula I, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, are antihypertensive agents. They inhibit the conversion of angiotensinogen to angiotensin I and
10 therefore, are useful in reducing or relieving angiotensin related hypertension. The action of the enzyme renin on angiotensinogen, a pseudoglobulin in blood plasma, produces angiotensin I. Angiotensin I is converted by
15 angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) to angiotensin II. The latter is an active pressor substance which has been implicated as the causative agent in several forms of hypertension in various mammalian species, e.g., humans. The compounds of this
20 invention intervene in the angiotensinogen + (renin) + angiotensin I + (ACE) + angiotensin II sequence by inhibiting renin and reducing or eliminating the formation of the pressor substance angiotensin II. Thus by the administration of a
25 composition containing one (or a combination) of the compounds of this invention, angiotensin dependent hypertension in a species of mammal (e.g., humans) suffering therefrom is alleviated. A single dose, or preferably two to four divided
30 daily doses, provided on a basis of about 100 to 1000 mg, preferably about 250 to 500 mg per kg of

body weight per day is appropriate to reduce blood pressure. The substance is preferably administered orally, but parenteral routes such as the subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous or
5 intraperitoneal routes can also be employed.

The compounds of this invention can also be formulated in combination with a diuretic for the treatment of hypertension.

A combination product comprising a compound
10 of this invention and a diuretic can be administered in an effective amount which comprises a total daily dosage of about 1000 to 6000 mg, preferably about 3000 to 4000 mg of a compound of this invention, and about 15 to 300 mg, preferably
15 about 15 to 200 mg of the diuretic, to a mammalian species in need thereof. Exemplary of the diuretics contemplated for use in combination with a compound of this invention are the thiazide diuretics, e.g., chlorothiazide,
20 hydrochlorothiazide, flumethiazide, hydroflumethiazide, bendroflumethiazide, methylclothiazide, trichloromethiazide, polythiazide or benzthiazide as well as ethacrynic acid, tricrynafen, chlorthalidone, furosemide,
25 musolimine, bumetanide, triamterene, amiloride and spironolactone and salts of such compounds.

The compounds of formula I can be formulated for use in the reduction of blood pressure in compositions such as tablets, capsules or elixirs
30 for oral administration or in sterile solutions or suspensions for parenteral administration. About

100 to 500 mg of a compound of formula I is compounded with physiologically acceptable vehicle, carrier, excipient, binder, preservative, stabilizer, flavor, etc., in a unit dosage form as
5 called for by accepted pharmaceutical practice. The amount of active substance in these compositions or preparations is such that a suitable dosage in the range indicated is obtained.

The present invention will now be described
10 by the following examples, however, the invention should not be limited to the details therein.

Example 1

5 (S)-[(1,1-Dimethylethoxy)carbonyl]-L-phenyl-
 alanyl-N-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2,3-dioxohexyl]-
 L-leucinamide

A. 2-Propyl-1,3-dithiane

 n-Butyl lithium (2.5M, 56.32 ml, 141 mmol)
was added dropwise to a 500 ml tetrahydrofuran
10 solution of 1,3-dithiane (15.42 g, 128 mmol) at
 -20°. After stirring for 2.5 hours at -20°, the
 solution was cooled to -78° and 1-iodopropane (12.5
 ml, 128 mmol) was added to it in one portion. The
 reaction mixture was left for gradual warming (-78°
15 to 0°C) and overnight stirring (19 hours).
 Tetrahydrofuran was removed on the rotary
 evaporator, residue taken in ether (250 ml) and
 washed with water (200 ml). The aqueous layer was
 reextracted with ether (250 ml). Combined
20 ethereal extracts were washed sequentially once
 with water, once with saturated sodium chloride,
 dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and
 concentrated to give a yellow oil which on
 distillation under vacuum yielded 19.310 g of the
25 title A compound.

B. [(1S)-1-(Cyclohexylmethyl)-2-hydroxy-2-
 (2-propyl-1,3-dithian-2-yl)ethyl]carbamic
 acid, 1,1-dimethylethyl ester

30 n-Butyl lithium (2.5M, 11.76 ml, 29.4
 mmol) was added dropwise at -25° to a 40 ml

tetrahydrofuran solution of 2-n-propyl-1,3-dithiane from part A (4.536 g, 28.0 mmol). After stirring for 2 hours at -20° to -25°, the solution was cooled to -78° and (S)- α -[[[(1,1-dimethylethoxy)-carbonyl]amino]cyclohexanepropanal (3.57 g, 14.0 mmol) was added as a 20 ml tetrahydrofuran solution. A chromatography check after 1 hour revealed the formation of a complex reaction mixture. It was warmed gradually from -78° to -50° over a period of 18 hours, quenched with saturated ammonium chloride (50 ml) and the two layers separated upon warming to room temperature. The aqueous layer was diluted with water (75 ml, to dissolve the precipitated ammonium chloride) and reextracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 50 ml). Combined organic extracts were washed with saturated ammonium chloride (1 x 75 ml), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated to give 7.9 g crude product which upon flash chromatographic purification yielded 1.517 g of the title B compound.

C. α -[(S)-1-Amino-2-cyclohexylethyl]-2-propyl-1,3-dithiane-2-methanol, monohydrochloride

The title B compound (533 mg, 1.278 mmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (20 ml), cooled to 0° and the solution saturated by hydrogen chloride by bubbling the gas through it for a period of ~5 minutes. A chromatography check revealed total disappearance of starting material. Ethyl acetate

was removed on the rotary evaporator and the resulting yellow solid triturated with ether and filtered to give the title compound (370 mg) which looked pure by ^{13}C NMR.

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D. t-Butyloxycarbonylphenylalanyl leucine,
methyl ester

To a mixture of t-butyloxycarbonyl-L-phenylalanine (13.265 g, 50 mmol), L-leucine methyl ester (9.085 g, 50 mmol) and hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (7.65 g, 50 mmol) in 100 ml tetrahydrofuran at 0° was added dropwise a solution of diisopropylethylamine (8.7 ml, 50 mmol) in 50 ml tetrahydrofuran. This was followed by addition of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (10.315 g, 50 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 0° for 2 hours and then left for overnight stirring at room temperature. The precipitated urea was filtered off, solvents stripped down and the residue diluted with ethyl acetate (200 ml). The organic solution was washed sequentially with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (2 x 100 ml), saturated aqueous sodium chloride (2 x 100 ml), dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated to give crude product which on crystallization from ethyl ether gave 7.05 g pure product. Concentration of the mother liquor solution afforded 4.57 g crystalline product. An additional 1.35 g product was obtained by chromatographic purification of the crude product obtained from the left over mother liquors (40 g silica gel, 4:1 hexane/ethyl acetate).

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Thus, a total of 12.96 g of the title D compound was obtained. m.p. = 104-105°, $[\alpha]_D = -17.5^\circ$ (c = 1.2, MeOH).

Elemental analysis calc'd for $C_{24}H_{32}N_2O_5$:

5 C, 64.30; H, 8.15; N, 7.14;

Found: C, 64.12; H, 8.16; N, 7.02.

E. t-Butyloxycarbonylphenylalanyl leucine

Sodium hydroxide (1N; 12 ml, 12 mmol) was
10 added to a 40 ml methanol solution of
(S)- α -[[(1,1-dimethylethoxy)carbonyl]amino]-
cyclohexanepropanoic acid, methyl ester (3.92 g, 10
mmol) and a chromatography check after one hour
revealed total disappearance of starting material.
15 The solvents were removed on rotary evaporator.
The resulting white solid was suspended in 10 ml of
water and 50 ml of ethyl acetate, acidified to pH =
3.5 using 1N hydrochloric acid and the two layers
separated. The aqueous layer was reextracted with
20 ethyl acetate (3 x 30 ml), combined organic extracts
dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to give
3.54 g of the title E compound.

F. [(1,1-Dimethylethoxy)carbonyl]-L-phenyl-
25 alanyl]-N-[(1S)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-
hydroxy-2-(2-propyl-1,3-dithian-2-yl)ethyl]-
L-leucinamide

The title E compound (415.8 mg, 1.1
mmol) and the title C compound (388.9 mg, 1.1
30 mmol) were dissolved in 5 ml dimethylformamide and
cooled to 0°. N,N-diisopropylethylamine (191.4 μ l,

1.1 mmol) was added and after 5 minutes, this was followed by sequential addition of 1-hydroxy benzotriazole hydrate (168.3 mg, 1.1 mmol) and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (227 mg, 1.1 mmol). The reaction was left for gradual warming and overnight stirring. Next day, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (35 ml), the urea filtered off and the filtrate washed sequentially with water (2 x 20 ml), saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate (2 x 20 ml), 10 percent citric acid (1 x 20 ml), and saturated sodium chloride (1 x 20 ml). Drying with anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentration afforded 821 mg of crude product which upon chromatographic purification yielded 621 mg of the title F compound, m.p. = 87-92°, $[\alpha]_D = -35.0^\circ$ (c = 0.34, MeOH). Elemental analysis calc'd for $C_{36}H_{59}N_3O_5S_2 \cdot 0.6H_2O$: C, 62.77; H, 8.81; N, 6.10; S, 9.31; Found: C, 62.84; H, 8.60; N, 6.00; S, 9.13.

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G. [(1,1-Dimethylethoxy)carbonyl]-L-phenyl-alanyl-N-[(1S)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-hydroxy-3-oxohexyl]-L-leucinamide

The title F compound (338.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in 12 ml acetonitrile and diluted with 3 ml water. Ammonium ceric nitrate (1.096 g, 2.0 mmol) was added to this solution and after 20 minutes, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (40 ml) and extracted with ether (3 x 30 ml). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated to give

378 mg of residue which upon chromatographic purification yielded 140 mg of the title G compound, m.p. = 149-152°.

Elemental analysis calc'd for $C_{33}H_{53}N_3O_6$:

5 C, 67.43; H, 9.09; N, 7.15;

Found: C, 67.14; H, 9.40; N, 7.03.

H. (S)-((1,1-Dimethylethoxy)carbonyl)-L-phenyl-
alanyl-N-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2,3-dioxohexyl]-
10 L-leucinamide

A solution of the title G compound (58.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 3 ml methylene chloride was added to a suspension of Dess Martin periodinane (65 mg, 0.15 mmol) and t-butylalcohol (12 mg, 0.15 mmol) in 2 ml methylene chloride. The reaction mixture was vigorously stirred. A TLC check after 6 hours revealed incomplete reaction; hence excess Dess Martin reagent (153 mg, 0.45 mmol) and t-butylalcohol (35 mg, 0.45 mmol) was added along with 5 ml methylene chloride and the reaction mixture left for overnight stirring. Next day, the reaction was judged complete by TLC. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite, the filtrate concentrated and the residue chromatographed to give 51 mg of the title compound. m.p. = 134-143°, $[\alpha]_D = -36.6^\circ$ (c = 0.61, MeOH).

Elemental analysis calc'd for $C_{33}H_{51}N_3O_6$:

C, 67.66; H, 8.78; N, 7.17;

Found: C, 67.52; H, 8.71; N, 7.13.

Example 2

5 (S)-(Cyclopentylcarbonyl)-L-phenylalanyl-N-
 [1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2,3-dioxohexyl]-L-
 leucinamide

A. N-(L-Phenylalanyl)-L-leucine, methyl ester,
 monohydrochloride

10 The compound from part D of Example 1 (12.01 g,
31 mmol) was dissolved in hydrochloric acid/acetic
acid solution (62 mL), reacted for one hour and
concentrated to give an oily residue. It was
trituated with toluene (3 x 60 mL), and
concentrated yielding 10 g of the title A
15 compound.

B. N-[N-(Cyclopentylcarbonyl)-L-phenylalanyl]-
 L-leucine, methyl ester

20 Cyclopentane carboxylic acid (1.65 mL, 15.2
mmol) was added to a solution of the title A
compound (5.0 g, 15.2 mmol) in dimethylformamide
(60 mL) and cooled to 0°C. 1-Hydroxybenzotriazole
(2.33 g, 15.2 mmol), N,N-diisopropylethylamine
(2.93 mL, 17 mmol) and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide
25 (3.14 g, 15.2 mmol) were added sequentially. After
16 hours at 0°C, the reaction mixture was filtered
and concentrated. The residue was taken in ethyl
acetate (250 mL), washed with water (3 x 150 mL),
saturated sodium bicarbonate (150 mL), saturated
30 sodium chloride (150 mL), dried and concentrated,
yielding 6.0 g of crude product. Purification by

flash chromatography afforded 3.40 g of the title B compound. m.p. = 170-171°C, $[\alpha]_D = -23.9^\circ$ (c = 1.18, MeOH).

Elemental analysis calc'd for $C_{22}H_{32}N_2O_4 \cdot 0.13H_2O$:

5 C, 67.60; H, 8.32; N, 7.17;

Found: C, 67.57; H, 8.31; N, 7.20.

C. N-[N-(Cyclopentylcarbonyl)-L-phenyl-
alanyl]-L-leucine

10 Sodium hydroxide (1N; 12.36 mL, 12 mmol) was added to a solution of the compound of part B (2.04 g, 5.3 mmol) in methanol (20 mL). After five hours, the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was taken up in a mixture of water
15 (20 mL) and ethyl acetate (50 mL) and acidified to pH 1.8. The layers were separated and aqueous layer was reextracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated yielding 1.84 g of product, m.p.
20 148-151°C. $[\alpha]_D = -12.9^\circ$ (c = 1.19, MeOH).

Elemental analysis calc'd for $C_{21}H_{30}N_2O_4 \cdot 1.34H_2O$:

C, 63.28; H, 8.26; N, 7.03;

Found: C, 63.32; H, 7.77; N, 7.01.

25 D. (Cyclopentylcarbonyl)-L-phenylalanyl-N-[(1S)-
1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-hydroxy-2-(2-propyl-1,
3-dithian-2-yl)ethyl]-L-leucinamide

The compound of part C in Example 1 (707 mg, 2 mmol) was added to a solution of the title C
30 compound from this Example (748 mg, 2 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (8 mL) and cooled to 0°C.

1-Hydroxybenzotriazole (306 mg, 2 mmol),
N,N-diisopropylethylamine (383 μ l, 2.2 mmol), and
dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (413 mg, 2 mmol) were
added sequentially. After 16 hours at 0°C, the
5 reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated.
The residue was taken up in ethyl acetate (50 mL),
washed with water (2 x 30 mL), saturated sodium
bicarbonate (2 x 40 mL), 10 percent citric acid (40
mL), saturated sodium chloride (40 mL), dried and
10 concentrated. Purification of the crude product
(1.2 g) by flash chromatography yielded 936 mg of
pure product.

Elemental analysis calc'd for $C_{37}H_{80}N_3O_4S_2$:

C, 65.83; H, 8.96; N, 6.23;

15 Found: C, 65.62; H, 8.78; N, 6.19.

E. (Cyclopentylcarbonyl)-L-phenylalanyl-N-
[(1S)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-hydroxy-3-
oxohexyl]-L-leucinamide, isomer A

20 A 20 ml methanol solution of thallic nitrate
trihydrate (1.05 g, 1.18 mmol) was added to a
solution of the title D compound (799 mg, 1.18
mmol) in methanol (40 mL) and ethyl acetate (20
mL). After 10 minutes the reaction mixture was
25 filtered, concentrated and residue was taken in
ethyl acetate (150 mL) and water (100 mL). The
layers were separated and aqueous layer was
extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 120 mL). The
combined organic portions were washed with 10
30 percent citric acid (150 mL), dried and
concentrated affording 2.5 g of crude compound.

Purification by flash chromatography yielded 573 mg pure product, m.p. 169°C. $[\alpha]_D = -61.3^\circ$ (c = 1.19, CH₃OH).

Elemental analysis calc'd for C₃₄H₅₃N₃O₈·0.63H₂O:

5 C, 68.62; H, 9.19; N, 7.06;

Found: C, 68.79; H, 8.92; N, 6.99.

F. (S)-(Cyclopentylcarbonyl)-L-phenylalanyl-N-
10 [1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2,3-dioxohexyl]-L-
leucinamide

A solution of the hydroxy ketone of part E (268 mg, 0.46 mmol) was added to a suspension of Dess Martin reagent (389 mg, 0.91 mmol) and t-butylalcohol (68 mg, 0.92 mmol) in methylene
15 chloride (40 mL). After five hours, reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated yielding 666 mg of crude product which was subjected to chromatographic purification affording 217 mg of the title compound, m.p. = 152-161°C. $[\alpha]_D =$
20 -59.1° (c = 0.45, CHCl₃).

Analysis calc'd for C₃₄H₅₁N₃O₈·1.03H₂O:

C, 70.19; H, 8.84; N, 7.22;

Found: C, 70.12; H, 8.79; N, 7.12.

Example 3

5 [(1,1-Dimethoxyethoxy)carbonyl]-N-[(1S)-
 1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2,3-dioxohexyl]-L-
 histidinamide

A. N-[(1,1-Dimethoxyethoxy)carbonyl]-1-[(4-
 methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-L-histidine
 N-[(1,1-Dimethoxyethoxy)carbonyl]-L-histidine
10 (12.7 g, 50 mmol) was dissolved in a solution of
 sodium carbonate (10.6 g, 100 mmol) in 150 ml water
 and cooled to 10°. p-Toluenesulfonylchloride (12.8
 g, 67 mmol) was added in very small portions over a
15 period of 30 minutes while maintaining vigorous
 stirring and controlling the temperature between
 10-15°. After the addition was complete, the
 reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature
 and stirring continued for an additional 4 hours.
 The reaction mixture was extracted twice with
20 ethyl ether (75 ml) and the organic portions were
 discarded. The aqueous layer was acidified with 1
 N hydrochloric acid, extracted twice with ethyl
 acetate (150 ml) and the combined organic extracts
 were dried and concentrated to give an oily residue.
25 Crystallization from ethyl acetate afforded 9.42
 grams of the title A compound. m.p. = 120°, $[\alpha]_D =$
 15.3° (c = 1.66, CH₃OH).
 Analysis calc'd for C₁₈H₂₃N₃O₈S·0.14H₂O:
 C, 52.48; H, 5.69; N, 10.20; S, 7.78;
30 Found: C, 52.72; H, 5.70; N, 9.72; S, 8.09.

B. [(1,1-Dimethoxyethoxy)carbonyl]-N-[(1S)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-hydroxy-2-(2-propyl-1,3-dithian-2-yl)ethyl]-1-[(4-methylphenyl)-sulfonyl]-L-histidinamide, isomer A

- 5 Triethylamine (108 μ l, 0.775 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of the title A compound (133 mg, 0.325 mmol) and α -[(S)-1-amino-2-cyclohexylethyl]-2-propyl-1,3-dithiane-2-methanol, isomer A, monohydrochloride (88.4 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 2.5 ml
- 10 methylene chloride at 0°. After 5 minutes diphenylphosphoryl azide (70 μ l, 0.325 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours at 0° and then overnight at room temperature. Next day, the reaction mixture was concentratd on a rotary
- 15 evaporator (to remove excess triethylamine), the residue diluted with 15 ml methylene chloride and 15 ml saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was reextracted twich with methylene chloride and the
- 20 combined organic extracts were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to give 292 mg residue. Chromatographic purification yielded 125 mg of the title B compound. m.p. 83-88°; $[\alpha]_D = -16.5^\circ$ (c = 1.3, MeOH).
- 25 Analysis calc'd for $C_{34}H_{52}N_4S_3O_6$:
 C, 57.60; H, 7.39; N, 7.90; S, 13.57;
Found: C, 57.71; H, 7.48; N, 7.64; S, 13.71.

C. [(1,1-Dimethoxyethoxy)carbonyl]-N-[(1S)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2-hydroxy-3-oxohexyl]-1-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-L-histidinamide, isomer A

- 5 Thallic nitrate trihydrate (844 mg, 1.9 mmol) was added in one portion to a 40 ml 1:1 methanol/ethyl ether solution of the title B compound (674 mg, 0.95 mmol) at 0°. After 15 minutes, the reaction mixture was filtered through
10 celite and the solids washed twice with ethyl acetate (25 ml). Concentration of the solid gave a residue which upon chromatographic purification yielded 399 mg of the title C compound. m.p. 67-76°, $[\alpha]_D = -42.6^\circ$ (c = 1.21, MeOH).
15 Analysis calc'd for $C_{31}H_{48}N_4O_7S \cdot 2.2H_2O$:
C, 58.85; H, 7.57; N, 8.86;
Found: C, 59.09; H, 7.47; N, 8.56.

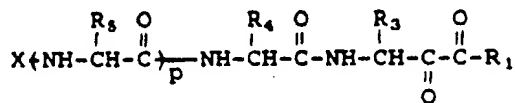
- D. [(1,1-Dimethoxyethoxy)carbonyl]-N-[(1S)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2,3-dioxohexyl]-1-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-L-histidinamide
20 Dess martin periodinane (308.5 mg, 0.73 mmol) was added to a solution of the title C compound (300 mg, 0.485 mmol) and t-butanol (53
25 mg, 0.73 mmol) in 5 ml dichloromethane. After 2 hours at room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with 20 ml dichloromethane and washed with an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate and sodium sulfite. Drying and concentration afforded
30 a residue which upon flash chromatographic purification provided 288 mg of the title D compound, m.p. 60-67°.

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1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2,3-dioxohexyl]-L-
histidinamide


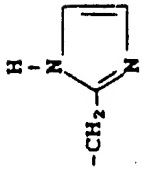

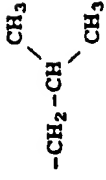

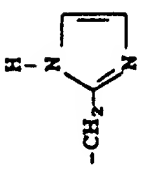


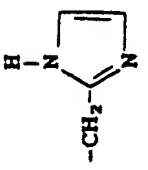

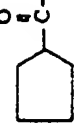

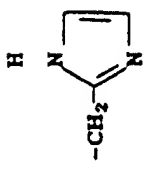

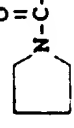
1-Hydroxybenzotriazole (12.2 mg, 0.08 mmol)
 5 was added in one portion to a solution of the
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 10 provide 10 mg of the title compound.


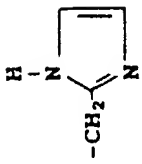

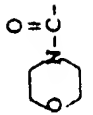

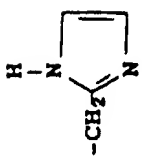

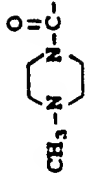

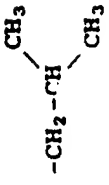

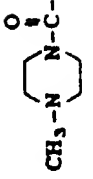

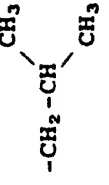
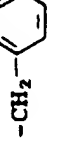
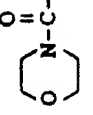

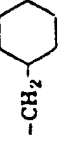
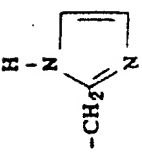
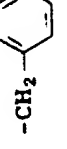
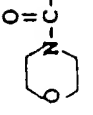
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

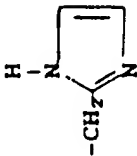

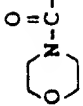
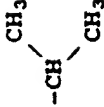

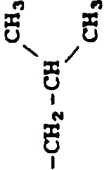

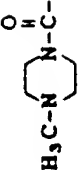
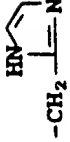

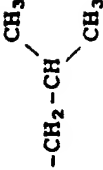

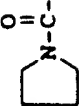
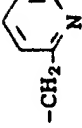

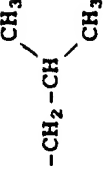

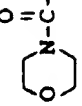

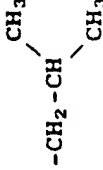
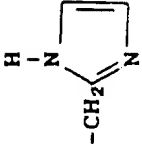

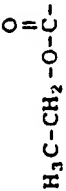
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 15 of formula I within the scope of the present
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






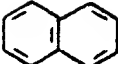


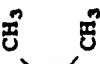

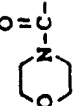


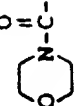

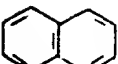
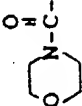


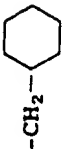
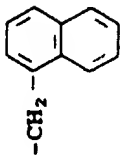
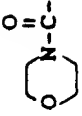

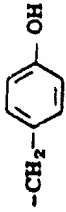
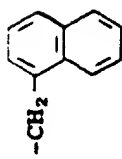
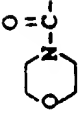

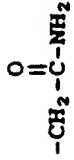
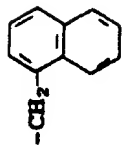

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5	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$
6	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	 -C(=O)-
7	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	 -C(=O)-

Ex. No.	R ₁	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	X
8	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃				
9	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃				
10	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃				
11	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃				
12					

Ex. No.	R ₁	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	X
13					
14					
15					
16					
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Ex. No.	R ₁	R ₃	R ₄	R ₅	X
18	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	
19	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	
20	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -	 -CH ₂ -CH ₂ -	
21	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃	 -CH ₂ -	$-(CH_2)_4-NH_2$	 -CH ₂ -	
22	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃	 -CH ₂ -	$-CH_2-CO_2H$	 -CH ₂ -	

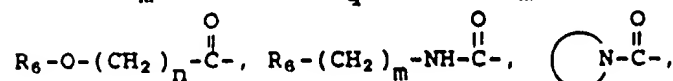
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23	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃		-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CO ₂ H		
24	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃				
25	-CH ₂ -CH ₂ -CH ₃				

What is claimed is:


1. A compound having the formula



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25  N- represents a heterocyclic ring of the
formula



wherein Y is $-\text{CH}_2$, O, S, or $\text{N}-\text{R}_9$, a is an integer from 1 to 4, and b is an integer from 1 to 4 provided that the sum of a plus b is an integer from 2 to 5;

5 R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_{10} are independently selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl, halo substituted lower alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -aryl as herein defined, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -heterocyclo, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -OH, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -O-lower alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -NH₂, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -SH, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -S-lower
10 alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -O- $(\text{CH}_2)_g$ -OH, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -O- $(\text{CH}_2)_g$ -NH₂,

$-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -S- $(\text{CH}_2)_g$ -OH, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ - $\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C}$ -OH,
15 $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -S- $(\text{CH}_2)_g$ -NH₂, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -NH-C $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{NH} \\ \parallel \\ \text{NH}_2 \end{smallmatrix}$,

$-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ - $\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C}$ -NH₂, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ - $\overline{\text{N}}\text{N}-\text{R}_7$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ - $\overline{\text{N}}\text{N}-\text{R}_8$,

20 and $-(\text{CH}_2)_n$ -cycloalkyl;

R_6 and R_6' are independently selected from lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl as herein defined and heterocyclo;



p is zero or one;

q is zero or one;

25 m and m' are independently selected from zero and an integer from 1 to 5;

n is an integer from 1 to 5;

g is an integer from 2 to 5;

30 R_7 is $-\text{CH}_2$ -O- CH_2 - or $-\text{CH}_2$ - ;



R_8 is 2,4-dinitrophenyl, $-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$,

5 $-\text{SO}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{CH}_3$, or $-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$;

R_9 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$,

or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{cycloalkyl}$.

10 2. A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein

X is $R_6-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$ or $R_6-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{O}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-$,

15 R_6 is selected from straight or branched chain lower alkyl of up to 5 carbons, cycloalkyl of 4 to 6 carbons, phenyl, 1-naphthyl, and 2-naphthyl;

m is selected from zero, one and two;

R_1 is alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl as herein defined, or heteroary

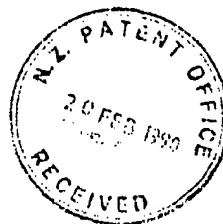
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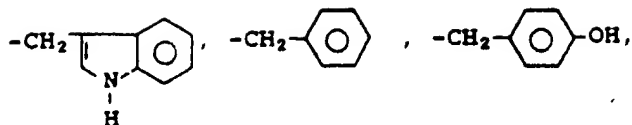
$-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{cyclohexyl}$, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$, wherein n

25 is an integer from 1 to 3;

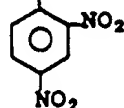
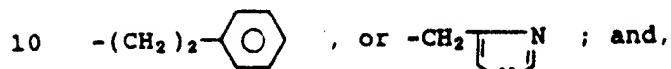
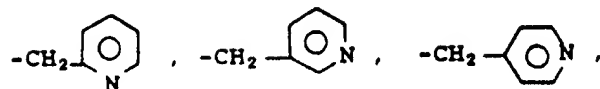
R_4 is hydrogen, straight or branched chain lower alkyl of up to 5 carbons, $-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{NH}_2$,

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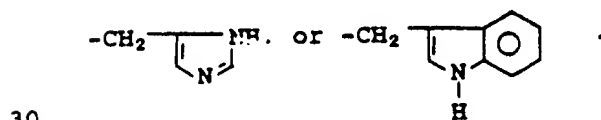
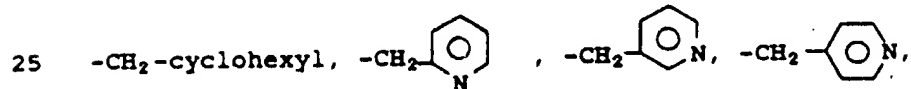
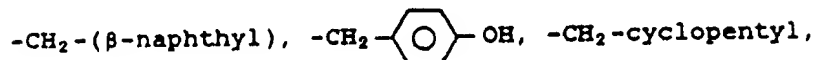
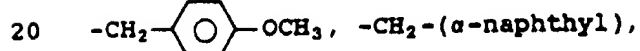
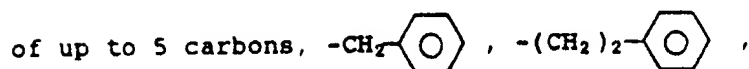




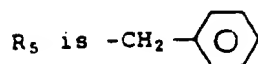
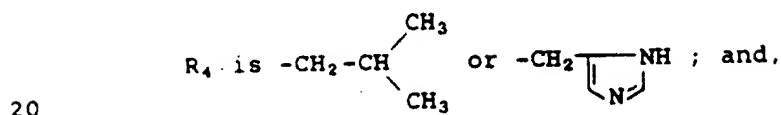
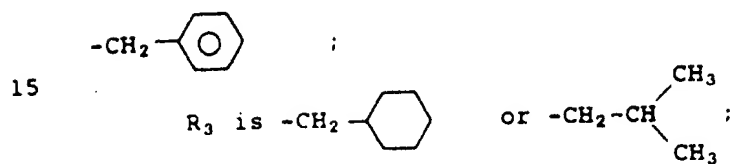
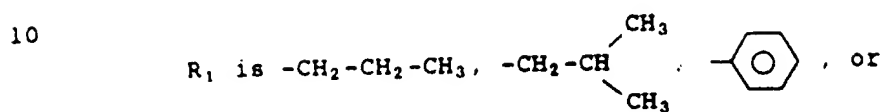
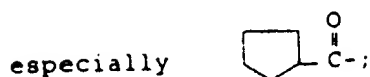
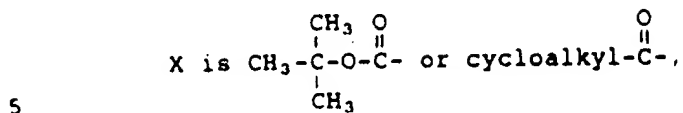
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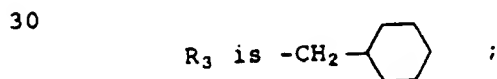
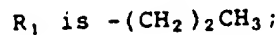
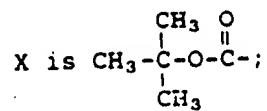
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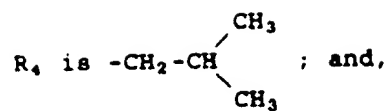


3. A compound in accordance with claim 1
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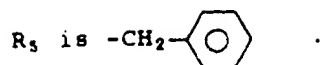


4. A compound in accordance with claim 1
25 wherein



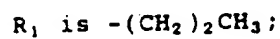


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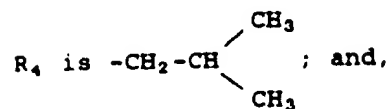
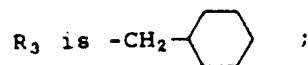


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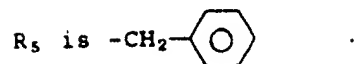
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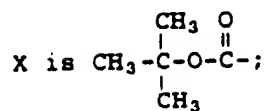
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
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


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R₃ is -CH₂- ;

R₄ is -CH₂- NH; and,

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p is zero.

7. A compound in accordance with claim 1
having the name (S)-[(1,1-dimethylethoxy)carbonyl]-
L-phenylalanyl-N-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2,3-
10 dioxohexyl]-L-leucinamide.

8. A compound in accordance with claim 1
having the name (S)-(cyclopentylcarbonyl)-L-
phenylalanyl-N-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2,3-dioxohexyl]-
L-leucinamide.

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9. A compound in accordance with claim 1
having the name [(1,1-dimethoxyethoxy)carbonyl]-
N-[(1S)-1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2,3-dioxohexyl]-L-
histidinamide.

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